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Office Action Summary

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Craig A. Renner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 11-14 and 19-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 11-14 and 19-23 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>28 June 2004</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

DETAILED ACTION

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Drawings

1. The drawings were received on 27 January 2004. These drawings are accepted.

Specification

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:
 - a. In line 7 of claim 11, --from-- should be inserted after "extending" for improved clarity.
 - b. In line 12 of claim 11, "said slider ramp" should be changed to --said ramp-- in order to more clearly refer back to that set forth in line 8 of claim 1.
 - c. In line 2 of claim 13, "said surface" should be changed to --said tab surface-- in order to more clearly refer back to that set forth in line 1 of claim 13.
 - d. In line 1 of claim 14, the dependency on "claim 12" should be corrected back to depend from --claim 11--.
 - e. In line 1 of claim 20, "said first opening" should be changed to --said air outflow opening-- in order to more clearly refer back to that set forth in line 11 of independent claim 11.
 - f. In line 2 of claim 20, "said second opening" should be changed to --said air inflow opening-- in order to more clearly refer back to that set forth in line 11 of independent claim 11.

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g. In line 1 in each of claims 21-23, each instance of "at least one of said plurality of apertures" should be changed to --said at least one aperture-- in order to more clearly refer back to that set forth in line 9 of independent claim 11.

h. In lines 2-3 of claim 21, "said air outflow opening" should be changed to --said air inflow opening-- in order to be consistent with the remainder of the disclosure.

i. In line 2 of claim 22, "said straight segment" should be changed to --a straight segment-- in order to establish an antecedent for this element.

Appropriate correction is required.

3. The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 11-14 and 19-23 are allowable over the prior art of record. The prior art of record does not teach nor suggest the disk drive as claimed, wherein a load beam tab-engaging ramp includes an aperture that extends between a disk-facing surface and a surface away from the disk with an air inflow opening disposed at the disk-facing surface and an air outflow opening disposed at the surface away from the disk.

Conclusion

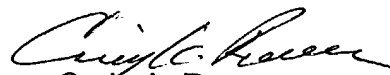
5. Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Craig A. Renner whose telephone number is (703) 308-0559. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hoa T. Nguyen can be reached on (703) 305-9687. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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